Falling Short:
Mismatch between hourly wages and cost of living for families in Baltimore

Even full-time workers in Baltimore struggle to gain economic independence when faced with the costs of raising young children.

let's do the math...

full-time wages

--- basic monthly living expenses

--- monthly shortfall

Basic monthly living expenses for 1 adult, 1 infant and 1 preschooler in Baltimore

- Housing $1,031
- Childcare $1,331
- Food $522
- Transportation $94
- Healthcare $408
- Misc. $339
- Taxes $907

Total $4,632

yearly cost of living

- $1,257 per month
- $15,080 per year

Shortfall $3,108

$7.25/hr minimum wage

- $2,427 per month
- $29,120 per year

Shortfall $1,938

$14.00/hr

- $2,773 per month
- $33,280 per year

Shortfall $1,592

$16.00/hr

- $3,813 per month
- $45,760 per year

Shortfall $522

$22.00/hr

- $4,365 per month
- $52,382 per year

Shortfall $0